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FREIGHT CAR INVENTORIES OF THE GERMAN REICHSBAHN,
20 FEBRUARY - 30 APRIL 1951

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The data, presumably compiled by the Directorate General of the Reichs-
bahn, gives freight cars inventories of four and more axle cars as of 28 Feb-
ruary, 30 March, and 30 April 1951 and an inventory of all freight cars of 20 Feb-
ruary 1951, for each of the eight Reichsbahn directorates of the German Demo-
cratic Republic and for the entire Reichsbahn network.

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Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
1. Loaded car stock				
Boxcars	43	67	61	11,867
Flatcars	693	705	731	6,293
Dump cars	83	95	75	21,977
Tank cars	95	95	90	1,584
Refrigerator cars	--	--	28	143
Miscellaneous cars	84	118	47	1,395
Total	998	1,080	1,032	43,259
2. Empty car stock				
Boxcars	24	17	20	7,138
Flatcars	791	945	696	6,558
Dump cars	128	111	98	20,156
Tank cars	126	140	200	2,125
Refrigerator cars	--	5	20	244
Miscellaneous cars	106	152	190	1,975
Total	1,175	1,370	1,224	38,196
Total operating car stock (items 1 and 2)	2,173	2,450	2,256	81,455
3. Cars laid up or damaged				
Boxcars	30	20	21	2,487
Flatcars	352	272	351	2,497
Dump cars	43	32	26	6,351
Tank cars	59	27	41	674
Refrigerator cars	--	--	1	69
Miscellaneous cars	6	2	4	246
Total	490	353	444	12,324

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Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
4. Cars for special use				
Cars used for Soviet Control Commission	420	367	379	711
Cars used for dwelling purposes				
Housing for workers?	9	12	--	337
Cars rented to others	16	13	16	529
Service cars	33	26	28	2,015
Private cars	618	400	582	6,966
Idle inland traffic cars of former private and narrow-gauge railroads	--	--	--	82
Total	1,096	818	1,005	10,640
5. Cars in reserve				
Boxcars	1	1	--	1,069
Flat cars	33	43	85	413
Dump cars	--	--	--	76
Tank cars	--	--	--	135
Refrigerator cars	140	172	25	285
Miscellaneous cars	4	5	4	--
Total	178	221	114	1,978
Total nonoperating car stock (items 3, 4, and 5)	1,764	1,392	1,563	24,942
Total car stock	3,937	3,842	3,819	106,397

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	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
4. Cars for special use				
Cars used for Soviet Control Commission	420	367	379	711
Cars used for dwelling purposes				
Housing for workers?	9	12	--	337
Cars rented to others	16	13	16	529
Service cars	33	26	28	2,015
Private cars	618	400	582	6,966
Idle inland traffic cars of former private and narrow-gauge railroads	--	--	--	82
Total	1,096	818	1,005	10,640
5. Cars in reserve				
Boxcars	1	1	--	1,069
Flat cars	33	43	85	413
Dump cars	--	--	--	76
Tank cars	--	--	--	135
Refrigerator cars	140	172	25	285
Miscellaneous cars	4	5	4	--
Total	178	221	114	1,978
Total nonoperating car stock (items 3, 4, and 5)	1,764	1,392	1,563	24,942
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Reichsbahn Directorate Berlin

Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
1. Loaded car stock				
Boxcars	3	6	5	1,869
Flatcars	116	147	135	824
Dump cars	2	43	3	3,063
Tank cars	20	2	10	121
Refrigerator cars	--	--	18	62
Miscellaneous cars	6	1	--	180
Total	147	199	171	6,119
2. Empty car stock				
Boxcars	--	3	1	1,063
Flatcars	75	158	84	740
Dump cars	5	1	5	1,934
Tank cars	6	1	--	181
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	52
Miscellaneous cars	3	2	1	360
Total	89	165	91	4,330
Total operating car stock (items 1 and 2)	236	364	262	10,449
3. Cars laid up or damaged				
Boxcars	--	10	--	382
Flatcars	203	164	124	579
Dump cars	1	--	--	1,737
Tank cars	5	2	1	62
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	56

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Table (Contd) Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	20
Total	209	176	125	2,836
4. Cars for special use				
Cars used for Soviet Control Commission	185	206	188	379
Cars used for dwelling purposes	--	--	--	8
Cars rented to others	7	43	--	191
Service cars	3	10	7	403
Private cars	2	--	--	941
Idle inland traffic cars of former private and narrow-gauge railroads	--	--	--	--
Total	197	229	195	1,922
5. Cars in reserve				
Boxcars	1	--	--	329
Flatcars	13	23	43	77
Dump cars	--	--	--	42
Tank cars	--	--	--	3
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	165
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	--
Total	14	23	43	616
Total nonoperating car stock (items 3, 4, 5)	420	428	363	5,374
Total car stock	656	792	625	15,823

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Reichsbahn Directorate Cottbus

Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
1. Loaded car stock				
Boxcars	2	2	2	574
Flatcars	19	73	58	607
Dump cars	6	3	1	2,625
Tank cars	--	10	4	134
Refrigerator cars	--	--	6	5
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	1	85
Total	27	88	72	4,030
2. Empty car stock				
Boxcars	--	1	--	446
Flatcars	47	88	30	801
Dump cars	5	6	1	4,407
Tank cars	--	3	5	197
Refrigerator cars	--	5	8	4
Miscellaneous cars	9	23	45	93
Total	61	126	89	5,948
Total operating car stock (items 1 and 2)	88	214	161	9,978
3. Cars laid up or damaged				
Boxcars	1	--	--	115
Flatcars	8	9	9	110
Dump cars	--	--	--	713
Tank cars	--	--	--	7
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	1
Miscellaneous cars	3	--	--	18
Total	12	9	9	964

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Table (Contd)

Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
4. Cars for special use				
Cars used for Soviet Control Commission	--	--	--	20
Cars used for dwelling purposes	--	--	--	6
Cars rented to others	--	--	--	--
Service cars	4	--	6	136
Private cars	10	5	--	35
Idle inland traffic cars of former private and narrow-gauge railroads	--	--	--	--
Total	14	5	6	197
5. Cars in reserve				
Boxcars	--	--	--	12
Flatcars	--	--	--	--
Dump cars	--	--	--	--
Tank cars	--	--	--	--
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	76
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	--
Total	--	--	--	88
Total nonoperating car stock (items 3, 4, 5)	26	14	15	1,249
Total car stock	114	228	176	11,227

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Reichsbahn Directorate Dresden

Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 1 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
1. Loaded car stock				
Boxcars	13	16	19	1,828
Flatcars	183	145	173	1,581
Dump cars	11	7	10	3,299
Tank cars	16	15	8	176
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	12
Miscellaneous cars	12	5	4	208
Total	235	188	214	7,104
2. Empty car stock				
Boxcars	8	5	7	1,098
Flatcars	150	146	126	1,295
Dump cars	6	8	3	2,121
Tank cars	13	14	11	224
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	18
Miscellaneous cars	18	1	6	176
Total	195	174	153	4,932
Total operating car stock (items 1 and 2)	430	362	367	12,036
3. Cars laid up or damaged				
Boxcars	25	7	16	721
Flatcars	94	59	79	482
Dump cars	38	22	17	1,507
Tank cars	53	24	38	184
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	9
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	42
Total	210	112	150	2,945

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Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
4. Cars for special use				
Cars used for Soviet Control Commission	33	--	29	43
Cars used for dwelling purposes	--	12	--	171
Cars rented to others	3	--	--	137
Service cars	13	6	6	422
Private cars	14	12	20	930
Idle inland traffic cars of former private and narrow-gauge railroads	--	--	--	--
Total	63	30	55	1,703
5. Cars in reserve				
Boxcars	--	--	--	210
Flatcars	16	15	--	162
Dump cars	--	--	--	--
Tank cars	--	--	--	--
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	--
Miscellaneous cars	4	5	4	--
Total	20	20	4	372
Total nonoperating car stock (items 3, 4, 5)	293	162	209	5,020
Total car stock	723	524	576	17,056

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Reichsbahn Directorate Erfurt

Type of Car or Car Stock

Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of

Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51

1. Loaded car stock

Boxcars
Flatcars
Dump cars
Tank cars
Refrigerator cars
Miscellaneous cars

28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51
11	14	8
123	122	113
6	6	13
1	7	13
--	--	7
19	31	--
		8
160	180	149

2,114
866
2,674
40
3
316

2. Empty car stock

Boxcars
Flatcars
Dump cars
Tank cars
Refrigerator cars
Miscellaneous cars

4	6	2
190	173	183
34	42	35
5	18	24
--	--	--
49	45	75
282	284	319

1,335
935
1,978
44
16
519

Total operating car stock (items 1 and 2)

442	464	468
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4,827

3. Cars laid up or damaged

Boxcars
Flatcars
Dump cars
Tank cars
Refrigerator cars
Miscellaneous cars

--	2	1
12	4	48
--	3	6
--	--	--
--	1	1
--	1	2
12	10	58

478
219
404
12
24
1,137

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Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	20 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
4. Cars for special use				
Cars used for Soviet Control Commission	39	61	81	69
Cars used for dwelling purposes	--	--	--	38
Cars rented to others	6	--	--	8
Service cars	--	--	--	207
Private cars	8	7	12	537
Idle inland traffic cars of former private and narrow-gauge railroads	--	--	--	--
Total	53	68	93	859
5. Cars in reserve				
Boxcars	--	1	--	--
Flatcars	1	5	--	11
Dump cars	--	--	--	--
Tank cars	--	--	--	--
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	--
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	--
Total	1	6	--	11
Total nonoperating car stock (items 3, 4, 5)	66	84	151	2,007
Total car stock	508	548	619	12,847

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Reichsbahn Directorate Greifswald

Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
1. Loaded car stock				
Boxcars	--	4	8	675
Flatcars	40	26	28	321
Dump cars	--	--	1	808
Tank cars	--	1	5	154
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	28
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	23
Total	40	31	42	2,009
2. Empty car stock				
Boxcars	1	--	1	283
Flatcars	57	17	10	462
Dump cars	--	--	4	591
Tank cars	2	--	1	66
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	20
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	3	36
Total	60	17	19	1,458
Total operating car stock (items 1 and 2)	100	48	61	3,467
3. Cars laid up or damaged				
Boxcars	1	--	1	276
Flatcars	11	6	17	162
Dump cars	--	--	--	685
Tank cars	--	--	--	2
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	2
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	4
Total	12	6	18	1,131

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Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
4. Cars for special use				
Cars used for Soviet Control Commission	50	40	38	33
Cars used for dwelling purposes	--	--	--	40
Cars rented to others	--	--	--	7
Service cars	--	--	--	127
Private cars	--	--	--	5
die inland traffic cars of former private and narrow-gauge railroads	--	--	--	40
Total	50	40	38	252
5. Cars in reserve				
Boxcars	--	--	--	363
Flatcars	--	--	--	53
Dump cars	--	--	--	--
Tank cars	--	--	--	--
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	17
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	--
Total	--	--	--	433
Total nonoperating car stock (items 3, 4, 5)	62	46	56	1,816
Total car stock	162	94	117	5,283

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Reichsbahn Directorate Halle

Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
1. Loaded car stock				
Boxcars	8	11	15	2,060
Flatcars	95	85	132	958
Dump cars	51	27	37	6,131
Tank cars	55	54	52	797
Refrigerator cars	--	--	4	20
Miscellaneous cars	45	79	28	369
Total	254	256	268	10,355
2. Empty car stock				
Boxcars	6	2	--	1,292
Flatcars	127	147	139	812
Dump cars	71	44	44	6,581
Tank cars	93	95	147	1,226
Refrigerator cars	--	--	12	129
Miscellaneous cars	26	77	60	619
Total	323	365	402	10,659
Total operating car stock (items 1 and 2)	577	621	670	21,014
3. Cars laid up or damaged				
Boxcars	3	--	--	201
Flatcars	7	18	32	140
Dump cars	4	6	1	416
Tank cars	--	1	--	59
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	1
Miscellaneous cars	3	--	2	57
Total	17	25	35	874

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Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
4. Cars for special use				
Cars used for Soviet Control Commission	68	44	43	65
Cars used for dwelling purposes	9	--	--	27
Cars rented to others	--	--	3	51
Service cars	7	2	1	346
Private cars	554	348	519	3,358
Idle inland traffic cars of former private and narrow-gauge railroads	--	--	--	42
Total	638	394	566	3,889
5. Cars in reserve				
Boxcars	--	--	--	--
Flatcars	--	--	--	--
Dump cars	--	--	--	--
Tank cars	--	--	--	--
Refrigerator cars	140	172	25	132
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	--
Total	140	172	25	132
Total nonoperating car stock (items 3, 4, 5)	795	591	626	4,895
Total car stock	1,372	1,212	1,296	25,909

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Reichsbahn Directorate Magdeburg

Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
1. Loaded car stock				
Boxcars	2	7	3	1,515
Flatcars	59	64	67	684
Dump cars	6	5	9	2,464
Tank cars	2	5	4	96
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	5
Miscellaneous cars	2	1	6	192
Total	71	82	89	4,956
2. Empty car stock				
Boxcars	--	--	2	924
Flatcars	95	149	83	841
Dump cars	5	9	6	1,820
Tank cars	5	9	12	138
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	1
Miscellaneous cars	1	3	--	169
Total	106	170	103	3,893
Total operating car stock (items 1 and 2)	177	252	192	8,849
3. Cars laid up or damaged				
Boxcars	--	1	3	265
Flatcars	11	9	35	621
Dump cars	--	1	2	729
Tank cars	1	--	2	343
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	--
Miscellaneous cars	--	1	--	77
Total	12	12	42	2,035

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	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
4. Cars for special use				
Cars used for Soviet Control Commission	24	16	--	79
Cars used for dwelling purposes	--	--	--	15
Cars rented to others	--	--	13	92
Service cars	6	8	8	274
Private cars	30	28	31	1,084
Idle inland traffic cars of former private and narrow-gauge railroads	--	--	--	--
Total	60	52	52	1,544
5. Cars in reserve				
Boxcars	--	--	--	--
Flatcars	3	--	42	96
Dump cars	--	--	--	33
Tank cars	--	--	--	--
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	--
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	--
Total	3	--	42	129
Total nonoperating car stock (items 3, 4, 5)	75	64	136	3,708
Total car stock	252	316	328	12,557

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Reichsbahn Directorate Schwerin

Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
1. Loaded car stock				
Boxcars	4	7	1	1,232
Flatcars	58	43	25	452
Dump cars	1	4	1	913
Tank cars	1	1	--	66
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	8
Miscellaneous cars	--	1	--	2
Total	64	56	27	2,673
2. Empty car stock				
Boxcars	5	--	7	697
Flatcars	50	67	41	672
Dump cars	2	1	--	724
Tank cars	2	--	--	49
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	4
Miscellaneous cars	--	1	--	3
Total	59	69	48	2,149
Total operating car stock (items 1 and 2)	123	125	75	4,822
3. Cars laid up or damaged				
Boxcars	--	--	--	49
Flatcars	6	3	7	184
Dump cars	--	--	--	160
Tank cars	--	--	--	5
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	--
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	4
Total	6	3	7	402

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Type of Car or Car Stock	Inventory of Freight Cars With 4 or More Axles as of			Inventory of All Freight Cars as of 20 Feb 51
	28 Feb 51	30 Mar 51	30 Apr 51	
4. Cars for special use				
Cars used for Soviet Control Commission	21	--	--	23
Cars used for dwelling purposes	--	--	--	32
Cars rented to others	--	--	--	43
Service cars	--	--	--	100
Private cars	--	--	--	76
Idle inland traffic cars of former private and narrow-gauge railroads	--	--	--	--
Total	21	--	--	274
5. Cars in reserve				
Boxcars	--	--	--	155
Flatcars	--	--	--	14
Dump cars	--	--	--	1
Tank cars	--	--	--	--
Refrigerator cars	--	--	--	27
Miscellaneous cars	--	--	--	--
Total	--	--	--	197
Total nonoperating car stock (items 3, 4, 5)	27	3	7	873
Total car stock	150	128	82	5,695

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